

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-7, 15-19, 21 and 22 are now pending in this application. Claim 8 is canceled by this amendment. Each of the pending claims is believed to define an invention that is novel and nonobvious over the cited references. Favorable reconsideration of this case is respectfully requested.

Claim 8 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph and under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 5,438,504 to Hamilton et al.

Claim 8 is canceled by this amendment, rendering these rejections moot.

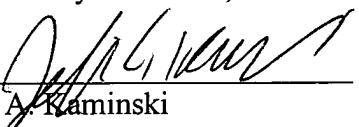
Claims 1, 3-7, 15-19 and 21-22 have been allowed. Accordingly, only allowable claims remain pending in this application. Favorable reconsideration and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that the prosecution of this application would be advanced by a personal interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone undersigned counsel to arranged for such an interview.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this Amendment to our Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

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